

LEFT STORY WITHOUT MORAL

Judging from Boy's Comment Father Who Believes in Early Rising Must Stick to Shingle.

Is there a boy in the world who doesn't hate to get up in the morning? A Jersey man who has three possible future presidents does not think so. With his he has tried everything from a bucket of cold water and a shingle to proverbs. The shingle seems the best argument. The proverb was in this nature:

"You know Jones?" the father remarked at the dinner table, addressing his wife. "Well, he is a very early riser—takes a long walk before breakfast every morning. Besides the good it does his health, he says that he finds any number of things on the street—he got up at 5 o'clock the other morning and found a pocket-book containing \$20 before he had walked a block."

The oldest boy looked at his brother, and grinned.

"Wonder what time the man who lost that pocketbook got up?" he remarked.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Not Worth Shingling.

The late Thomas Bone, "the sailor's missionary," was the soul of kindness, but he was seldom worsted in debate. One of the many instances of this given in his just-published life is the following:

"His work was not without its humorous side. Among the new men there were always some who sought a little amusement at his expense, but they reckoned without their host. His kindly manner never changed. The smile never left his face. There was no venom in the retort, but it seldom failed to silence the interrupter. The laugh raised at his expense made it quite certain that no second attempt would be made.

"Seeing him approaching one day, one of a group of sailors announced his intention of having some fun. He stepped forward and removed his hat, revealing a perfectly smooth crown, and asked:

"Can you tell me why my head is so bald, while all my companions have plenty of hair?"

"I don't know," was the smiling reply, "unless the reason given me the other day by a farmer would apply, that an empty barn is not worth shingling."—Judge.

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Louis Brinkman has returned from a visit at Topeka.

CARRIED MAIL 24,000 MILES.

Young Pennsylvania Woman the Only Star Route Carrier Who Has Never Been Late.

Bristol, Pa.—After carrying the mail 24,000 miles, during her 11 years and five months' service between Bristol and Woodbourne, Miss Grace Van Hart of Roelofs has given up her position and has been succeeded by Thaddeus M. Eustis.

She carried the mail on what is known as a "Star" route, traveling in a small cart. Her route was from Bristol via Emille to Woodbourne, about eight miles, and as she covered the round trip 300 times a year the total of her traveling is almost the same as the circumference of the earth.

The post-office clerks at Bristol state that Miss Van Hart was the only one of the Star route postmen from this point who never was, in her whole term of service, behind time with the mail, being always so punctual, no matter what the weather, that farmers along the route used to set their clocks when she came in sight. She won many warm friends along the route because of her courtesy and her willingness to accommodate patrons.

To Seek South Pole.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Capt. Rowland W. Webster, appointed by the Royal Geographical society to lead an expedition in search of the south pole, has left for New York. He will embark from there for London to prepare for the antarctic trip which will begin next August.

Notification of the appointment came to Capt. Webster as he reached San Francisco on his twenty-fifth journey across the world.

He earned his title in the Soudan with Lord Kitchener. He also served in the Boer war.

Fall in Naval Test.

Washington.—Because of mental or physical deficiencies half the candidates for commissions in the United States marine corps failed to pass the examinations here. Eighteen, of 29 who failed were mentally fit, but were deficient physically. Seven failed mentally, and the four other candidates did not pass the final, or professional, examinations.

Try Water Cure for Pellagra.

Hot Springs, Ark.—The thermal waters of Hot Springs are to be tested in an effort to find a cure for the disease of pellagra. Two subjects have been brought to this city from Mississippi for treatment and observation by local medical men.

If you know a news item, telephone it to the Democrat. Help give the best local news service possible.

To Reduce Poultry Rates

The state board of railroad commissioners has ordered its attorney, John S. Dawson to bring an action before the interstate commerce commission to secure a reduction in the express rates on dressed poultry from Kansas points to points in other states. A complaint was filed regarding the present rates by Fred Nelson of Hutchinson. The state railroad board could not take up the case for the reason that interstate rates were involved. John Dawson applied to the board for an order to proceed before the interstate commerce commission, and the order has been made.

Had a Fellow Feeling.

A little boy had lived for some time with a very penurious uncle, who was one day walking out with the child at his side, when a friend accosted him, accompanied by a greyhound. The little fellow, never having seen a dog of so slim and slight a texture, clasped the creature round the neck, with the impassioned cry: "Oh, doggie, doggie, and did ye live wif your uncle too, that ye are so thin?"

Luck on the Stage.

Stock exchange men and racing men regard luck as a side issue. They follow it secretly and make excuses for it if it goes astray, as if it were a personal friend; but the actor has a deep reverence for it, and superstitious customs that sprang into observance during the restoration period are still maintained in the age of socialism and problem plays. It is almost pathetic to see the joy that beams in the faces of a theatrical company at rehearsals if a harmless, necessary cat strolls on the stage; but if the cat sits down and appears to watch the proceedings with approval the joy becomes ecstatic.

Nurse for a Hotel.

At one of the hotels in New York a nurse has been installed whose duty it is to take care of the children of guests who come without nurses. The proprietor says that very often a woman is obliged to come without a nurse and in consequence is tied down by the baby and, moreover, obliged to consult a strange physician if it is ailing. The nurse takes care of all that and her services are not charged for.

Effort Appreciated.

"So you were deeply touched by the poem young Mr. Guffson wrote to you," said Maude.

"Yes," said Maymie.

"But it was not a good poem."

"I don't care. It was just as much trouble for him to write it as if he had been Shakespeare."

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